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With a microfiche device to be described in the following, a microfiche can be produced quickly, simply, and inexpensively with high resolution and excellent sharpness. The microfiche device according to Figs. 1 and 2 has a frame 1 for a linear unit 2 which is movable in the direction of the double arrow 3. On the linear unit 2 (~~carriage~~ carriage or slide) a laser unit 4 is arranged which is, for example, a helium-neon laser but can also be any other suitable laser. When, for example, only black and white documents are used for microfilming, the laser unit 4 can be a UV laser. This has the advantage that a microfilm of polymer synthetic material can be used that does not contain silver halogenides. Accordingly, during the production of the microfiche the complex and expensive developing process and the correlated environmental problems are eliminated. If it is desired to also microfilm color documents, on the linear laser unit 4 advantageously three lasers operating additively are used which generate, based on the three primary colors red, green, and blue, all colors as a function of the selected color.

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